

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-30 are pending in the present application. By this Response, claims 1, 5 and 8 are amended, claim 2 is canceled, and claim 30 is added. Claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Claims 5 and 8 are amended to correct their dependency in view of the cancellation of claim 2 and the amendments to claim 1. Claim 30 is added to recite a "method" that contains similar features to that of claim 11. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

I. Telephone Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Iqbal for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the June 25, 2004 telephone interview. During the telephone interview, the above amendments to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance were discussed. Unfortunately, Examiner Iqbal had not received the faxed-in copy of the above amendments which were confirmed as being received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 21, 2004. However, in response to Applicants' representative's description of the claim amendments, Examiner Iqbal agreed that the amendments would in fact place the application in condition for allowance.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Iqbal for the allowance of claims 11-29 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 5, 6 and 8. By this Response, Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2 and claims 5 and 8 are amended to correct their dependency to be on amended claim 1. Therefore, it is Applicants' understanding that all of the claims now stand in condition for allowance. Accordingly, all outstanding rejections have been traversed by these amendments and the application is now in condition for allowance.

III. New Claim 30

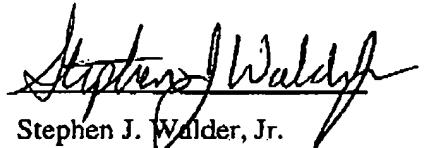
Claim 30 is added as a method version of claim 11. Therefore, since claim 30 contains similar subject matter to that of claim 11, it is Applicants' understanding that claim 30 should likewise be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's prompt and favorable consideration of claim 11 is therefore requested.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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